

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Status

- Weather impacted operations on Monday. Twenty-nine boat crews provided search and capture coverage along most of the Louisiana coast. Field teams reported few sightings of oiled birds.
- Helicopter surveys confirmed oil on Whiskey Island in Terrebonne Parish, west of the mouth of the Mississippi River. In addition, oil is on the western edge of South Pass.
- Parts of the oil slick are approaching Racoon Island, home to Louisiana's largest brown pelican colony.
- Breton National Wildlife Refuge remains closed to public entry.
- On Monday at Pelican Island NWR, the Service released two birds after being cleaned at the wildlife rehabilitation center in Fort Jackson, Louisiana.
- A specialized, twin-engine plane photographically surveyed the Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida Panhandle coasts. No oil was documented.
- Helicopter surveys will continue on Tuesday including around the barrier islands along the Mississippi coast.
- Mobile sector is working with state and other federal partners to plan for surveillance and wildlife recovery efforts on the ground and in the water.
- [Twenty five national wildlife refuges](#) could potentially be impacted.

The Response

- 177 Service personnel are involved in the oil spill response.
- Acting Service Director Rowan Gould has been dispatched to the Houma Incident Command Center by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to help lead efforts to protect coastal communities and natural resources.
- Current efforts to mitigate impacts to refuges and wildlife in Louisiana continue as well as significant ongoing work to prepare for potential impacts on Mississippi, Alabama and the west coast of Florida.
- Daily flights are ongoing to assess the location of oil, status of boom, and impacts on wildlife and habitat.
- Wildlife surveys and aerial flights continue over Breton NWR.

The Spill by the numbers

- Total Vessels (including tugs and skimmers): More than 460
- Boom deployed: More than 1.4 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Boom available: More than 1.5 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Oil and Water Mix - Recovered: Approximately 4 million gallons
- Dispersant Used: Approximately 430,000 gallons
- Dispersant available: Approximately 120,000 gallons
- Overall Personnel Responding: Approximately 10,000
- 13 staging areas are in place and ready to protect sensitive shorelines. These areas include:

Cocodrie, La
Biloxi, Miss
Pensacola, Fla.

Venice, La.
Pascagoula, Miss.
Grand Isle, La.
Pass Christian, Miss.
Panama City, Fla.
Dauphin Island, Ala.
Shell Beach, La.
Slidell, La.
Theodore, Ala.
Orange Beach, Ala.